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Italian Communists Get Kremlin Report About Khrushchev

From News Dispatches

ROME, (Thursday) Oct .29 The left-wing weekly L'Espresso said today that a Kremlin report to local Communist cell workers says Nikita Khrushchev was deposed for ignoring collective leadership and for causing major trouble to Soviet industry, agriculture, diplomacy and the Party itself.

Written by Mikhail Suslov, the document was said to have been distributed clandestinely as an explanation of the ouster. L'Espresso did not say where it got its summary.

The document has been awaited with great anticipation. But as yet the Party leaders in Moscow have not made it public there.

L'Espresso said the report accused the deposed Premier and party chief of "repeated transgressions and violations of the principle of collegial direction, together with flowering of displays and attitudes typical of the personality cult, incompatible with the directives of the Party Congress."

L'Espresso quoted the report as saying Khrushchev made decisions "without and sometimes even against" the opinion of the Party leadership, putting before the Presidium and the Central Committee "deeds already accomplished which would have been difficult and dangerous to nullify."

The same thing applied to "many foreign missions entrusted to relatives and friends of Comrade Khrushchev."

The report allegedly mentioned his trip to Egypt last May when President Nasser was personally awarded the highest Soviet decoration, that of Hero of the Soviet Union.

The report was quoted as saying this honor "can only be decided by an act of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. The Presidium . . . was informed of the granting of this honor . . . by a telegram sent by Comrade Khrushchev from Cairo."

The newspaper said the report stressed that these "errors" were pointed out to Khrushchev in meetings of the Party Central Committee, which brought to his attention "the damage in allowing newspapers to use excessive laudatory expressions about him and to refer, as though they were his own personal decisions, to deliberations coming from the Party leadership and above all from the Central Committee."

It said Khrushchev had agreed to accept the principles of collective leadership but "with the passing of time, failed in their application with culpable negligence."

L'Espresso quoted the summary as accusing him of entrusting "delicate missions" to his son-in-law, Alexei Adzhubei, former editor of Izvestia.

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